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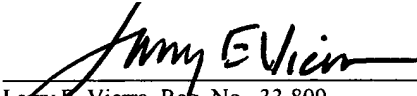
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2100**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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	)	Examiner: Edelman, Bradley E.
Filed: January 18, 2002	)	
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Title: LOAD BALANCING IN A	)	
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Signature Date: March 3, 2005

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Corrected Response B is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment sent February 3, 2005. The Notice specifies dates for submitting Compliant amendments if the amendment is a Preliminary Amendment, a Reply to a Non-Final Office Action, and a Reply to a Final Rejection.

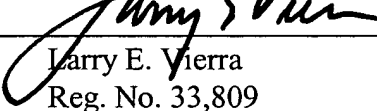
The Amendment submitted 10/25/2004 was accompanied by a Request For Continued Examination, and it is therefore submitted this Corrected Response B is timely filed according to said Notice.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

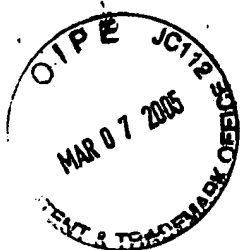
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/3/2005

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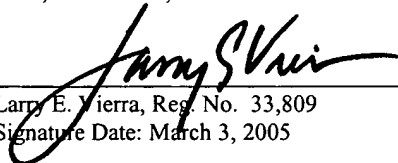
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This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this Response.

REMARKS begin on Page 8 of this Response.